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CENTRAL FAX CENTER**MAR 14 2007****Amendment and Response**

Applicant: Dave R. Dehart

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Title: SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROVIDING PRINTER INFORMATION TO A USER**REMARKS**

The following Remarks are made in response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed December 29, 2006, in which claims 1-20 were rejected.

With this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 7, 9-11, and 14-19 have been amended to correct informalities and clarify Applicant's invention.

Claims 1-20, therefore, remain pending in the application and are presented for reconsideration and allowance.

Drawings

The Examiner contends that Fig. 2 is missing. Applicant has confirmed with the Image File Wrapper of the PAIR system that Fig. 2 was included with the application as filed. Applicant notes that Fig. 2 is provided on the same drawing sheet as Fig. 3 and Fig. 4 (i.e., page 2 of 5). Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the objection to the drawings be reconsidered and withdrawn.

Claim Objections

Claim 6 is objected to because of informalities. The Examiner assumes the phrase "link is provided on the Support Manual" to mean "link is provided on the Support Manual Page."

With this Amendment, claim 6 has been amended to clarify that "the link is provided on the Support Manual page." Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the objection to claim 6 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claim 6 be allowed.

Claim 10 is objected to because of informalities. The Examiner contends that the word "install" as used in the claim is not present in the specification.

With this Amendment, claim 10 has been amended to clarify that "the information is stored in the printer." Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the objection to claim 10 be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claim 10 be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claim 9 and its dependent claims 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in that the Examiner contends that they do not add any additional structure

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because the method in this claim consists of a single step: "providing information...", and this is interpreted as a single means/single step claim under MPEP 2164.08(a).

With this Amendment, claim 9 has been amended to clarify that the method includes "providing information corresponding to a link to a user of a printer, the link corresponding to a Web site, the Web site comprising information corresponding to the printer;" "displaying the link to the user in response to a user input;" and "in response to the user actuating the link, providing the user with the information corresponding to the printer." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 9-12 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 9-12 be allowed.

Claim 14 and its dependent claims 16, 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, in that the Examiner contends that they do not add any additional structure because the method in this claim consists of a single step: "providing information...", and this is interpreted as a single means/single step claim under MPEP 2164.08(a).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and notes that claim 14 is a system claim wherein the system includes "a link display system operative to display a link to a Web page to a user in response to a user input, the link being displayed in association with a dialog box, the Web page comprising information corresponding to a printer being used by the user such that, in response to the user actuating the link, the user is provided with the information corresponding to the printer." Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 14, 16, 18-19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 14, 16, 18-19 be allowed.

Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

With this Amendment, claim 11 has been amended to clarify that "the information is stored in a server communicated with the printer." Support for this Amendment is provided in the Specification, for example, at page 5, lines 12-18. Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 11 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claim 11 be allowed.

Claims 16, 17, and 19 recite the limitation "the computer system". The Examiner contends that there is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claims.

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With this Amendment, claims 16, 17, and 19 have each been amended to depend from claim 15. As claim 15 recites "a computer system", Applicant submits that antecedent basis for "the computer system" is established. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 16, 17, and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, be reconsidered and withdrawn, and that claims 16, 17, and 19 be allowed.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-10 and 12-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103 as being anticipated by Gazdik et al. US Patent No. 6,847,466.

The Gazdik et al. patent has a issue date of January 25, 2005 and a filing date of April 27, 2000. The present application has a filing date of November 3, 2003. While the Gazdik et al. patent has a filing date before the filing date of the present application, the issue date of the Gazdik et al. patent is after the filing date of the present application. As such, the Gazdik et al. patent is classified as a 35 U.S.C. 102(e) reference.

The present U.S. Patent Application No. 10/700,132 and the Gazdik et al. US Patent No. 6,847,466 were, at the time the invention of the present U.S. Patent Application No. 10/700,132 was made, owned by, or subject to an obligation of assignment to, the same organization, Hewlett-Packard Company.

As the Gazdik et al. patent only qualifies as prior art under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) and the Gazdik et al. patent was used in an obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) and common ownership of the present application and the Gazdik et al. patent has been established, Applicant submits that under the prior art exclusion of 35 U.S.C. 103(c), the Gazdik et al. patent does not qualify as a 35 U.S.C. 102(e) reference in the obviousness rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a). See MPEP § 706.02(1)(3). See also MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the rejection of claims 1-10 and 12-20 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) be withdrawn, and that claims 1-10 and 12-20 be allowed.

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In view of the above, Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims 1-20 are all in a condition for allowance and requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of all pending claims.

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